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## The Riverman

By  
Stewart  
Edward White

(Continued.)

### Chapter 13

"I HAVE Heinzman's contract all drawn," said Newman the next morning, "and I think I'll go around with you to the office."

They found the little German waiting for them. Newman immediately took charge of the interview. "I have executed here the contract and the bonds secured by Mr. Orde and my shares of stock in the new company," he explained.

Heinzman reached his hands for the papers, beaming over his glasses at the two young men. As he read, however, his smile vanished.

"What is this?" he inquired, crispness in his voice. "You told me," he accused Orde, "that you were not prepared to break out the railroads. You told me you would expect me to do that for myself. Well, why do you put in this?" reading from the paper in his hand.

"In case said railroads belonging to said parties of the second part are not broken out by the time the drive has reached them, and in case on demand said parties of the second part do refuse to do so, exercise due diligence in breaking out said railroads, the said parties of the first part shall themselves break out said railroads, and the said parties of the second part do hereby agree to reimburse said parties of the first part at the rate of a dollar per thousand feet."

"That is merely to protect ourselves," said Newman.

"But," exploded Heinzman, his face purpling, "a dollar a thousand is absurd!"

"Of course," agreed Newman. "We expect it to be. It is intended as a penalty in case you don't break out your own railroads in time."

"I will not stand for such foolishness," panted Heinzman.

"Very well," said Newman crisply, reaching for the contract.

But Heinzman clung to it.

"It is absurd," he repeated in a mild tone. "See, I will strike it out."

He did so with a few dashes of the pen.

"We have an invention," stated Newman, with decision, "of giving you the chance to hang up our drive."

Heinzman caught his breath.

"So that is what you think?" he shouted. "He tore the contract in pieces and threw it in the wastebasket. 'Get out of here!' he cried."

Orde's hands twitched nervously.

"You to refuse our offer?"

"Refuse! Yes—you and your whole camp!" yelled Heinzman.

Once in the open street Orde drew a deep breath of relief.

"Whew!" said he. "That was a terror! We've gone off the wrong foot that time."

Newman was amused.

"You don't mean to say that fooled you?" he asked.

"What?" asked Orde.

"It was all rubbish. He saw we had spotted his little scheme, and he had to retreat. It was as plain as the nose on your face. We've got an enemy on our hands in any case and one we'll have to look out for. He'll try to block the stream by not breaking his railroads."

The partners hunted out the little frame building in which Johnson conducted his business.

"I see no use in it," said Johnson.

"I can run me own without help from any man."

"Which means to settle that?" said Newman to Orde after they had left.

"Now," said Newman as they trudged back to their hotel, "this proposition of Heinzman's has given me an idea. I'm not going to try to sell this stock outside, but to the men who own timber along the river. Then they won't be objecting to the tolls for if the company makes any profits part will go to them. I'll take these contracts to show we can do the business, and I'll see about incorporation and get a proper office and equipments. Of course we'll have to make this our headquarters."

"I suppose so," said Orde a little blankly. After an instant he laughed. "Do you know, I hadn't thought of that!"

"Also," went on Newman calmly, "I'll buy the supplies to the best advantage I can."

"And I?" inquired Orde.

"Get the boats built and improve the river. Begin to get your crew. You can start right off. We have my money to begin on."

Orde laughed.

"My! She's a nice big job, isn't she?" he cried joyously.



### Chapter 14

ON his return home late Monday afternoon Grandma Orde informed the river boss with a shrewd twinkle that she wanted him surely at home the following evening.

"I've asked three or four of the young people for a candy pull," said she.

"Who, mother?" asked Orde.

"Your crowd—the Smiths, Collinses, Jane Hubbard and her," said Grandma Orde.

The young people struggled in at an early hour after supper. Orde stepped

into the hall to help them with their wraps. He was surprised as he approached Carroll Bishop to lift her cloak from her shoulders to find that the top of her daintily poised head, with its soft, fine hair, came well below the level of his eyes. Somehow her poised, her slender grace of movement and of attitude, had lent her the impression of a stature she did not possess.

"Oh, it is so quaint and delightful," Carroll exclaimed slowly. "This dear old house with its low ceilings and its old



pictures and queer, unexpected things that take your breath away."

"It is one of the oldest houses in town," said Orde, "and I suppose it is picturesque. But, you see, I was brought up here, so I'm used to it."

"Wait until you leave it," said she. "Then all these things will come back to you to make your heart ache for them."

After the company had gone Orde stood long by the front gate looking up into the infinite spaces. Somehow, and vaguely, he felt the night to be akin to her elusive spirit. Farther and farther his soul penetrated into its depths, and yet other depths lay beyond, other mysteries, other suggested realms. And yet its beauty was the simplicity of space and dark and the stars.

The best time he saw her was at the house of the friend she visited. Orde was lucky enough to find the girls home and alone. June made an excuse and went out. They talked with a considerable approach toward intimacy. Not until nearly time to go did Orde stumble upon the vital point of the evening. He had said something about a plan for the week following.

"But you forget that by that time I shall be gone," said she.

"Gone?" he echoed blankly. "Where?"

"Home," said she. "Don't you remember I am to go Sunday morning?"

"I thought you were going to stay a month."

"I was, but I—certain things came up that made it necessary for me to leave sooner."

"Will you write me occasionally?" he begged.

"As to that," she began, "I'm a very poor correspondent. I do not make it a custom to write to young men."

"Oh!" he cried, believing himself enlightened. "Will you answer if I write you?"

She began gently to laugh, quite to herself, as though enjoying a joke entirely within her own personal privilege.

"What is your address in New York?" demanded Orde.

She sank into a chair near by with a pretty upturned gesture of despair.

"I surrender!" she cried, and then she laughed until the tears started from her eyes. "Oh, you are delicious!" she said at last. "Well, listen. I live at 127 West Ninth street. Can you remember that?" Orde nodded.

Two days later Orde saw the train carry her away.

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F. M. QUENLAN & CO., Applicant.

We, the undersigned, electors and taxpayers, as defined by law, of the Town of Bridgeport, hereby endorse the application of the above named John Cleary for such license and we do severally certify each for himself that we are taxpayers upon real estate situated in said Town of Bridgeport.

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SOPHIA PECKER, Applicant.

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